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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 17 April 2001 (17.04.01)	From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU To: STEFAN, Lennefors Stockholms Patentbyrå Zacco AB Box 23101 S-104 35 Stockholm SUÈDE
Applicant's or agent's file reference 103375101	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/SE00/00024	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 January 2000 (10.01.00)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning: <input type="checkbox"/> the applicant <input type="checkbox"/> the inventor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the agent <input type="checkbox"/> the common representative				
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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning: <input type="checkbox"/> the person <input type="checkbox"/> the name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the address <input type="checkbox"/> the nationality <input type="checkbox"/> the residence				
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3. Further observations, if necessary:				
4. A copy of this notification has been sent to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the receiving Office <input type="checkbox"/> the designated Offices concerned <input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority <input type="checkbox"/> other:				

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
 (PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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 United States Patent and Trademark
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 in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 30 October 2000 (30.10.00)	Applicant's or agent's file reference 103375101
International application No. PCT/SE00/00024	Priority date (day/month/year) 28 January 1999 (28.01.99)
Applicant JOHANSSON, Per-Åke et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

31 July 2000 (31.07.00)

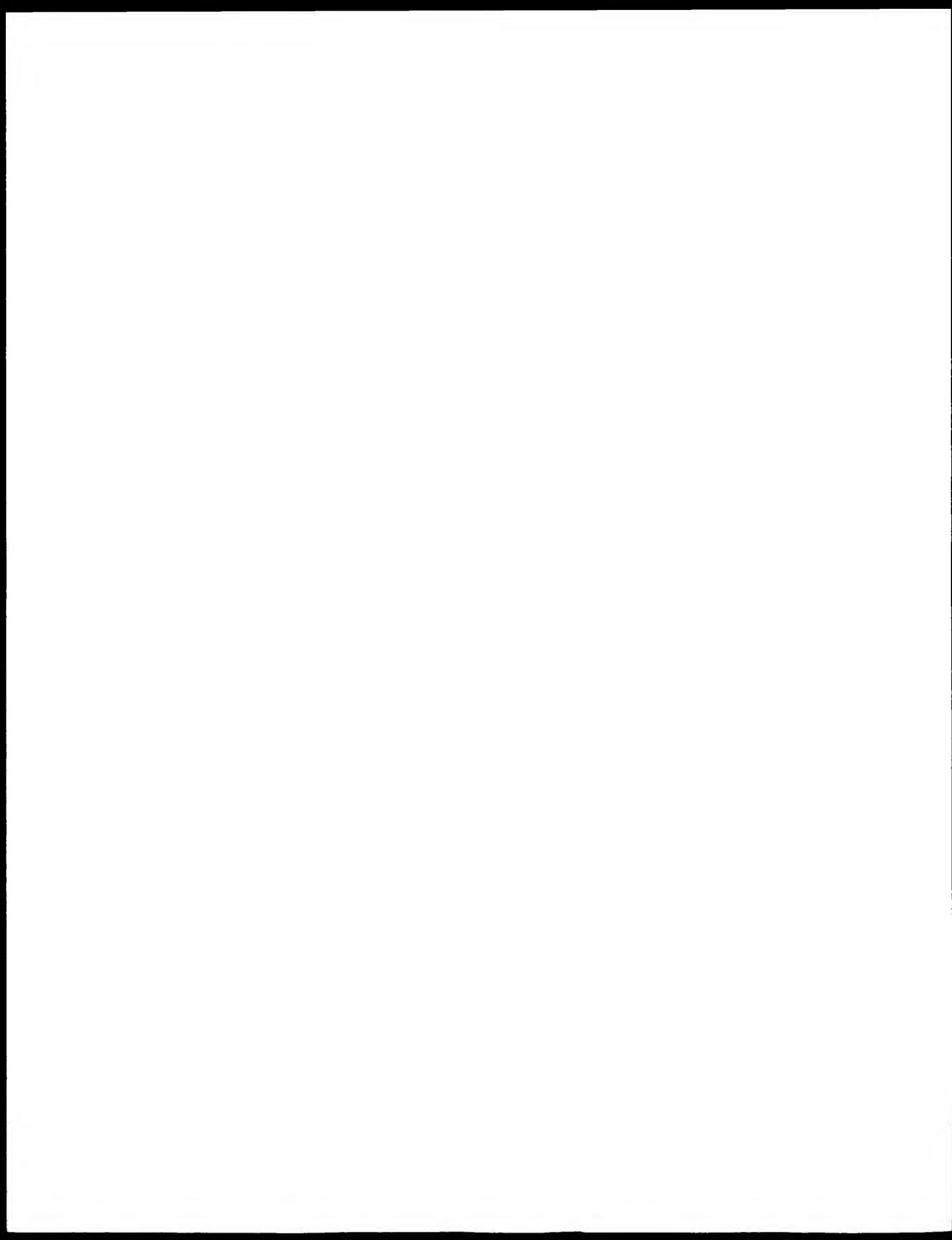
in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

Date of mailing (day/month/year)
08 March 2000 (08.03.00)

To:

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Box 23101
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SUÈDEApplicant's or agent's file reference
103375101

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/SE00/00024International filing date (day/month/year)
10 January 2000 (10.01.00)International publication date (day/month/year)
Not yet publishedPriority date (day/month/year)
28 January 1999 (28.01.99)

Applicant

STFI et al

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
3. An **asterisk(*)** appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
4. The **letters "NR"** appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Priority date	Priority application No.	Country or regional Office or FCT receiving Office	Date of receipt of priority document
28 Janu 1999 (28.01.99)	9900276-8	SE	24 Febr 2000 (24.02.00)

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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF
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(PCT Rule 24.2(a))

To:

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Date of mailing (day month year) 08 March 2000 (08.03.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference 103375101	International application No. PCT/SE00/00024

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

STFI (for all designated States except US)
JOHANSSON, Per-Åke et al (for US)

International filing date : 10 January 2000 (10.01.00)
 Priority date(s) claimed : 28 January 1999 (28.01.99)
 Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau : 24 February 2000 (24.02.00)
 List of designated Offices :
 EP :AT,BE,CH,CY,DE,DK,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,SE
 National :AU,CA,JP,NZ,US

ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

- time limits for entry into the national phase
- confirmation of precautionary designations
- requirements regarding priority documents

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

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INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated in the Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (Form PCT/IB/301) by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by the applicable national laws.

The time limit for performing these procedural acts is **20 MONTHS** from the priority date or, for those designated States which the applicant elects in a demand for international preliminary examination or in a later election, **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, provided that the election is made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Some designated (or elected) Offices have fixed time limits which expire even later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date. In other Offices an extension of time or grace period, in some cases upon payment of an additional fee, is available.

In addition to these procedural acts, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. **It is the applicant's responsibility** to ensure that the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most designated Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

For detailed information about the procedural acts to be performed to enter the national phase before each designated Office, the applicable time limits and possible extensions of time or grace periods, and any other requirements, see the relevant Chapters of Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide. Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in Chapter IX of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

GR and ES became bound by PCT Chapter II on 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, and may, therefore, be elected in a demand or a later election filed on or after 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, regardless of the filing date of the international application. (See second paragraph above.)

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date. If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with an indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national, regional or international application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said earlier application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any such priority document may still be submitted to the International Bureau before that date of international publication of the international application, in which case that document will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the last day of the 16-month time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment of a fee (Rule 17.1(b)).

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau or if the request to the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) within the applicable time limit indicated under the preceding paragraphs, any designated State may disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.



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From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

To:

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Rule 71.1)

Date of mailing (day month year)	30-04-2001
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Applicant's or agent's file reference
103375101

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No. PCT/SE00/00024	International filing date (day month year) 10-01-2000	Priority date (day month year) 28-01-1999
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Applicant
**STFI
et al**

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT-IB 301).

where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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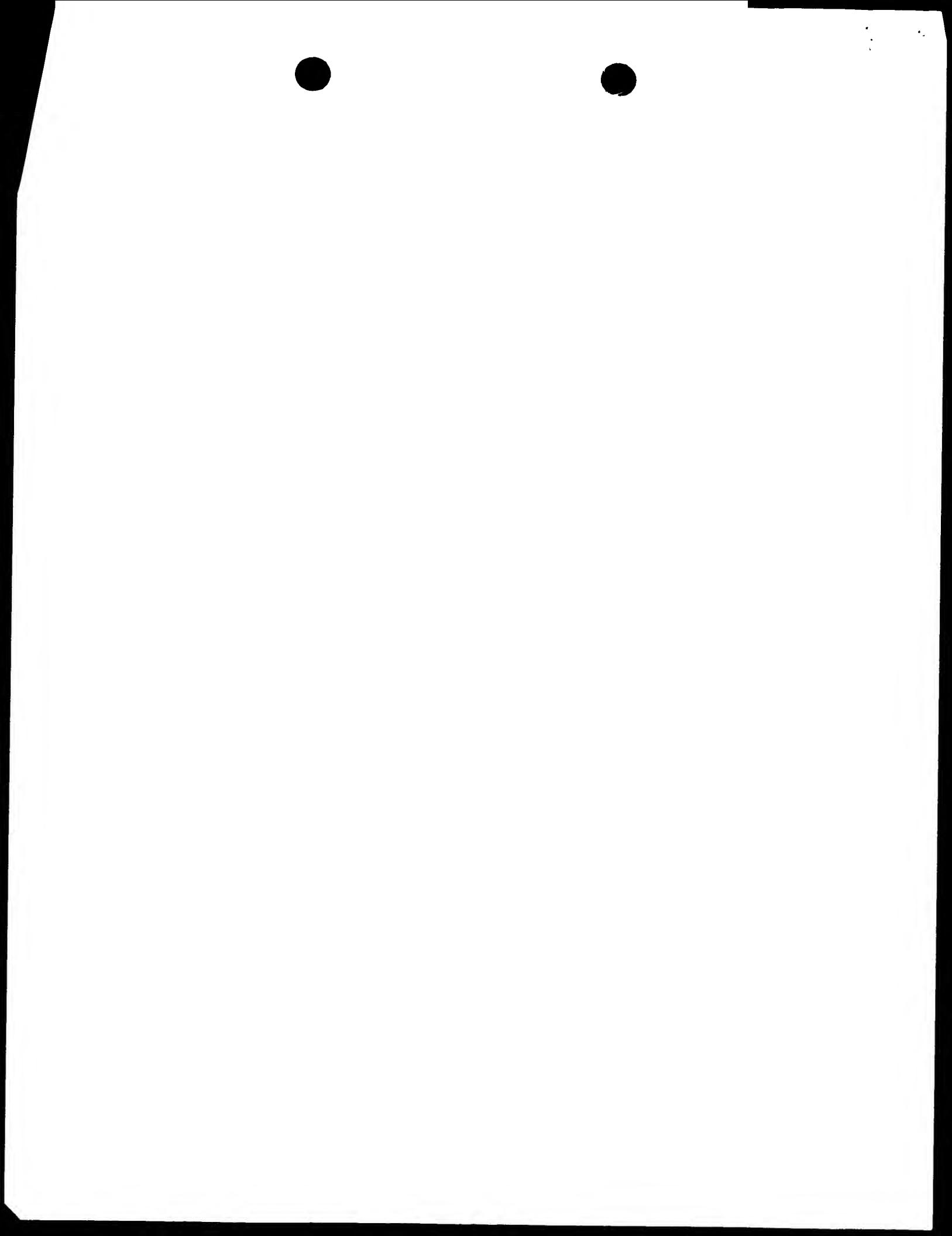


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 103375101	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/SE00/00024	International filing date (day month year) 10-01-2000	Priority date (day month year) 28-01-1999	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC7 G01B 11/24, G01B 11/30			
Applicant STFI et al.			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
<input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 31-07-2000	Date of completion of this report 23-04-2001
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/SE Patent- och registreringsverket Box 5055 S-102 42 STOCKHOLM Facsimile No. 08-667 72 88	Authorized officer Telex 17678 PATOREG-S Jerry Vennerholm /itw Telephone No. 08-782 26 00



INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE00/00024

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:* the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the sequence listing part of the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language ENGLISH which is: the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report



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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to an image analysis method for determining a surface topography. The method involves recording the intensity of diffuse light reflected by the same surface area from two different illumination angles. The difference between the recorded intensities is determined to obtain a representation that emphasises variations in gradient of the surface.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1 US, A, 5835190
D2 EP, A2, 0764845
D3 US, A, 4162126
D4 WO, A1, 9836240
D5 JP, A, 61082106
D6 JP, A, 61198009
D7 JP, A, 60135704

Document D1 relates to an ophthalmologic curvature measuring device and method. The device uses an optical projection system to first project a pair of light beams to cornea on to a central area of the surface to be measured and notes the direction of reflection from these. A second pair of light beams is then projected on to a second area of the cornea, outside the first area but on the same axis. An objective lens transmits both first and second reflected beams to a measuring system where the angle difference is detected, from which a microprocessor calculates the curvature. The system requires no movement of the patient's eye but accurately measures the curvature of the central and circumference area of the cornea.

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Supplemental Box

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Document D2 relates to an apparatus for detecting defective portions on a smooth surface. The surface is scanned by an imager for shadows by high spots or recesses under illumination by red and green light from projectors inclined at different angles to the direction of movement of the board. The imager is equipped with a colour camera which records the mixture of colours reflected from the surface under inspection. The signal components of the different colours may be subtracted or their ratio may be determined.

Document D3 relates to a surface defect test apparatus and method. The system for testing surface defect on an object comprises an illumination device for illuminating collimated lights onto a surface of the object obliquely to the surface and from two symmetrical directions. A sensor composed of a TV camera or a linear image sensor detects diffused reflected lights from the surface of the object in the direction perpendicular to the surface. A classification device discriminates the sensed image signal by a threshold level, which is higher than an average level of the image signal and a threshold level, which is lower than the average level to determine the surface defect pattern as a broken cavity pattern or a pit or crack pattern by the discriminated signals.

Document D4 relates to a method and a device for measuring and quantifying surface defects on a test surface with a light source. The method records two partial images with a camera during the illumination of the test surface with parallel light or spot lighting. The angle of incidence in relation to the test surface and the location of the camera is different when recording different partial images. The recorded partial images are processed in a central unit and one or several difference images are produced from the partial images. The difference images are used to determine the degree of surface defect on the test surface. The light source is placed in different positions to record the different images.

Documents D5-D7 define the general state of the art, and are considered not to be of particular relevance.

None of the documents shows, according to the invention, an image analysis method for determining a surface topography method characterised by: recording the intensity of diffusely reflected light from the surface in a first and a second image, taken from two different illumination angles; ... / ...



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determining the difference between the recorded intensities of the first and the second image in order to obtain a representation that emphasises variations in gradient of the surface.

It is neither obvious for a person skilled in the art to obtain the invention, as defined in the independent claim 1, from the combined subject matters of the cited documents.

Accordingly, claims 1-13 do fulfil the requirements of novelty (N), inventive step (IS) and industrial applicability (IA).



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 103375101	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT ISA 220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/SE 00/00024	International filing date (<i>day month year</i>) 10 January 2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day month year</i>) 28 January 1999
Applicant STFI et al		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
2. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
3. The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - filed with the international application.
 - furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - transcribed by this Authority.
4. With regard to the title, the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:
Figure No. 2 as suggested by the applicant. None of the figures.
 because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 because this figure better characterizes the invention.



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

P00SE 00/00024

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: G01B 11/29, G01B 11/30

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: G01B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5835190 A (NOBUYUKI MIYAKE), 10 November 1998 (10.11.98) --	1-13
A	EP 0764845 A2 (AUTRONIC GESELLSCHAFT F <small>ür</small> BILDVERARBEITUNG UND SYSTEME MBH), 26 March 1997 (26.03.97) --	1-13
A	US 4162126 A (YASUO NAKAGAWA ET AL), 24 July 1979 (24.07.79) --	1-13
A	WO 9836240 A1 (AB VOLVO), 20 August 1998 (20.08.98) --	1-13

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date	"X" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered a novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

Date of the actual completion of the international search

Date of mailing of the international search report

22 May 2000

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	JP 61082106 (TOKYO DORO ENJINA KK) 1986-04-25 (abstract).(online)(retrived on 2000-05-19). Retrieved from: EPO PAJ Database --	1-13
A	JP 61198009 (SONY CORP) 1986-09-02 (abstract).(online)(retrived on 2000-05-19) Retrieved from: EPO PAJ Database --	1-13
A	JP 60135704 (HITACHI SEISAKUSHO KK) 1985-07-19 (abstract).(online)(retrived on 2000-05-19). Retrieved from EPO PAJ Database -- -----	1-13



INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

02/12/99

International application No.

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5835190 A	10/11/98	DE 19715212 A JP 9276223 A	30/10/97 28/10/97
EP 0764845 A2	26/03/97	DE 19534716 A,C	20/03/97
US 4162126 A	24/07/79	JP 53072679 A JP 1388448 C JP 53079571 A JP 61047362 B	28/06/78 14/07/87 14/07/78 18/10/86
WO 9836240 A1	20/08/98	AU 6233498 A EP 0890008 A NO 984427 A SE 508822 C SE 9700539 A	08/09/98 13/01/99 23/09/98 09/11/98 18/08/98



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WO 00/45125 A1(51) International Patent Classification⁷: G01B 11/24,
11/30Per-Åke [SE/SE]; Dalagatan 20, S-113 24 Stockholm
(SE). HANSSON, Peter [SE/SE]; Genberg, Gårdsfogde-
vägen 29, S-161 70 Bromma (SE).

(21) International Application Number: PCT/SE00/00024

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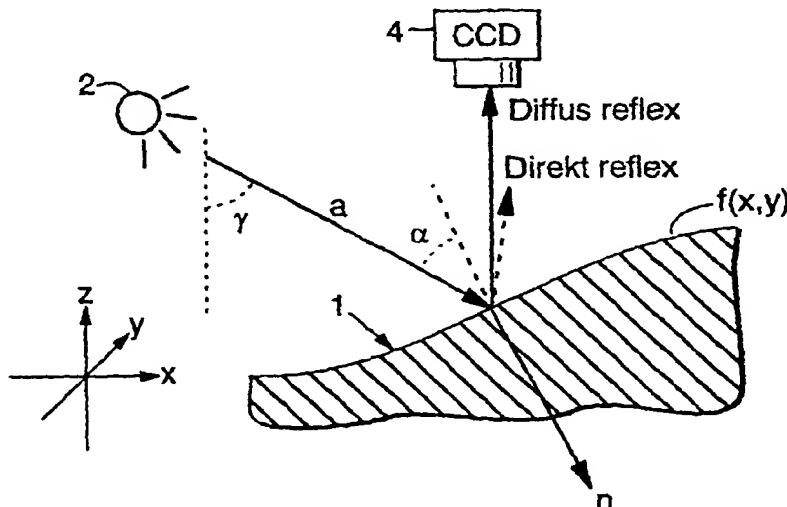
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(54) Title: METHOD OF DETERMINING AN ILLUMINATED SURFACE



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(57) Abstract: Method of determining a surface illuminated by incident light. First the intensity ($I_1(x,y)$) of light reflected from the surface is recorded in a first image of the surface. After this, the intensity ($I_2(x,y)$) of light reflected from the surface is recorded in a second image of the surface, taken at a different angle of illumination. Only the diffusely reflected light is recorded. The difference between the recorded intensities of the first and the second images is determined to obtain a representation that emphasises variations in gradient of the surface. This representation is further processed by signal-adapted integration to a topographic description, that is, a height function of the surface.



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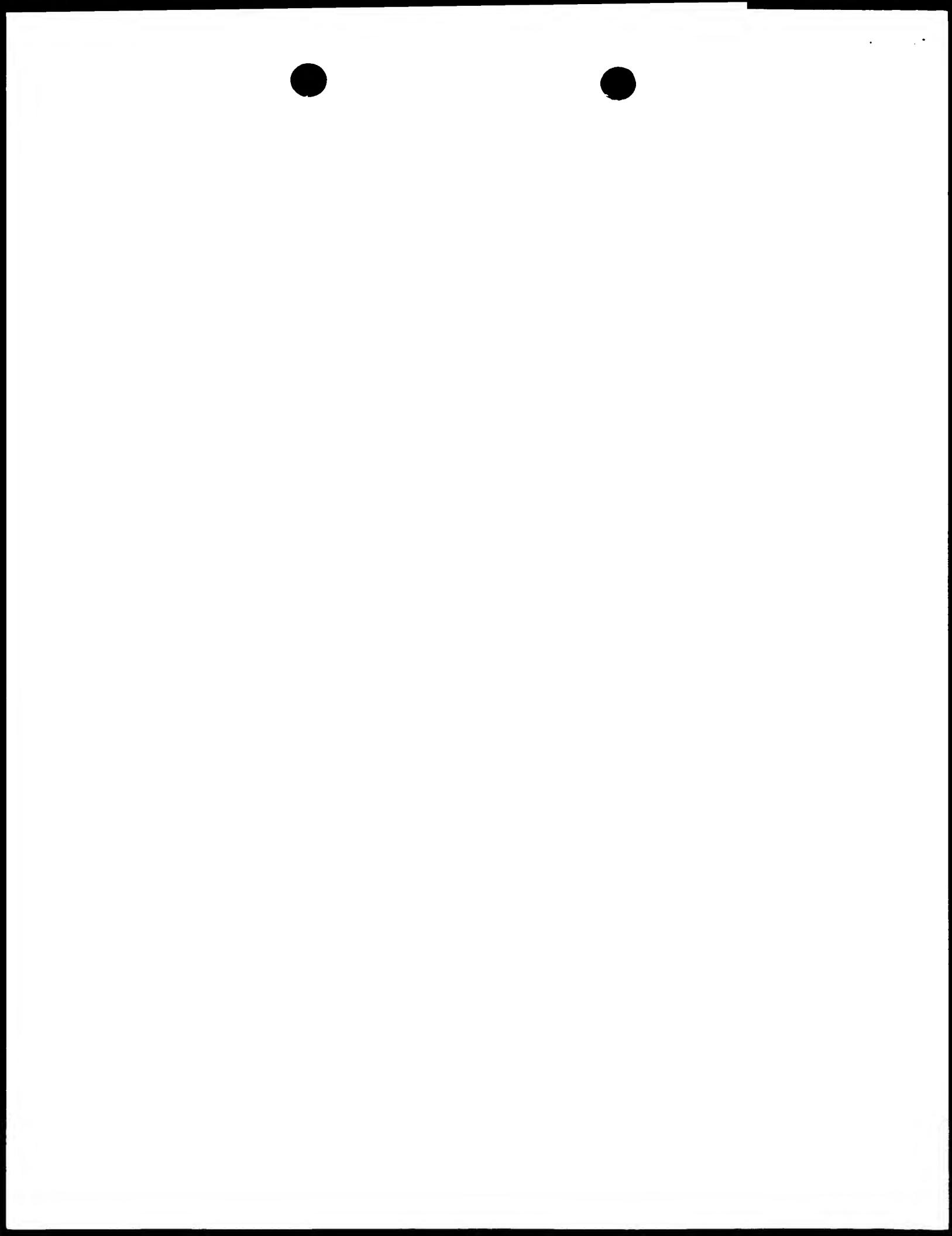
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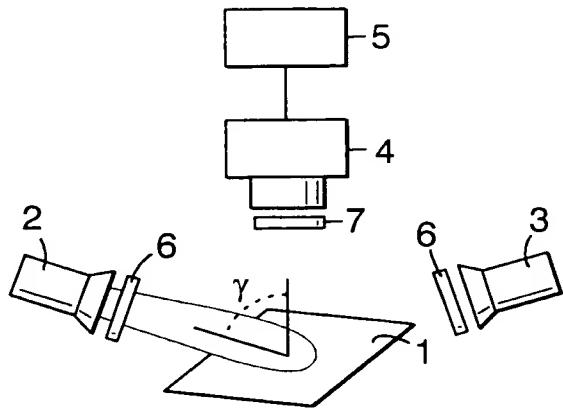


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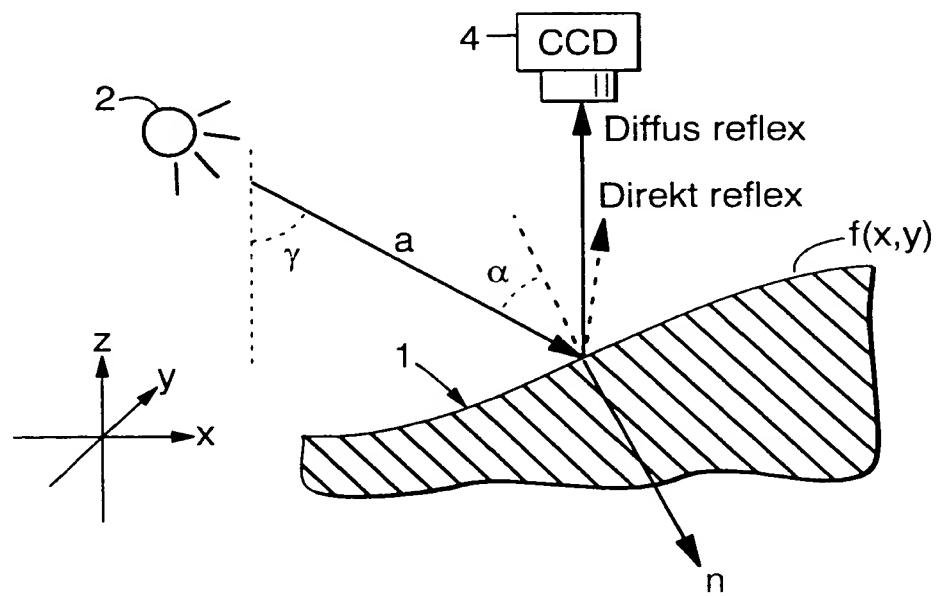
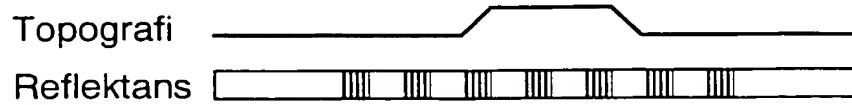
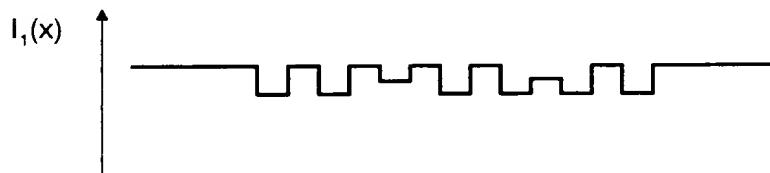


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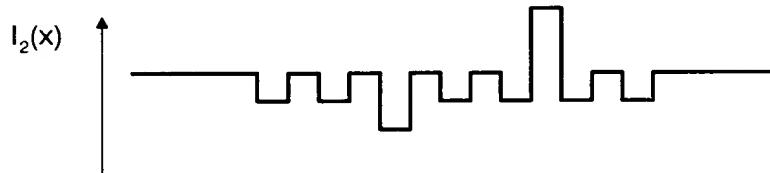




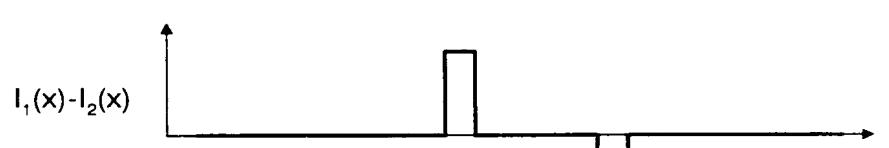
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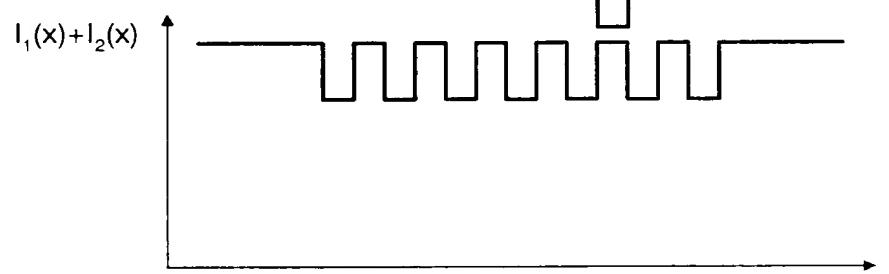
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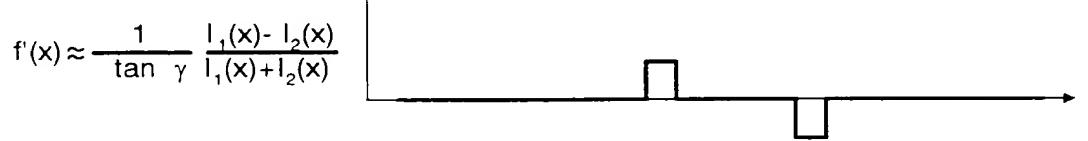
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FIG.3



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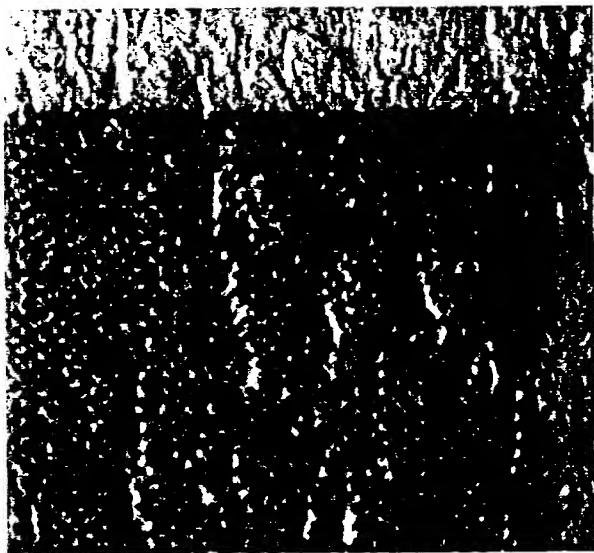


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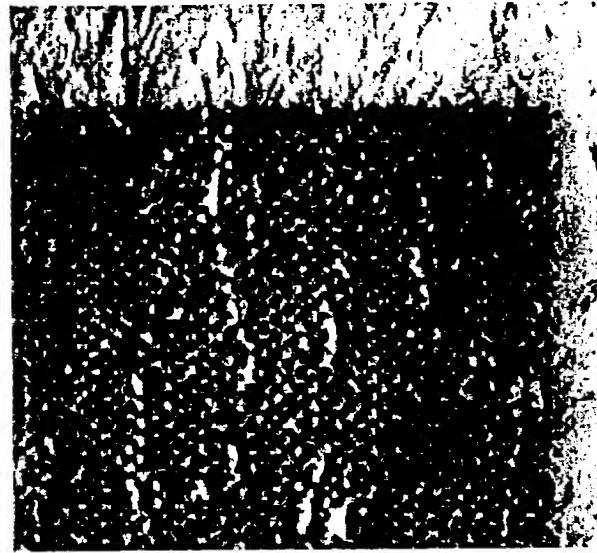


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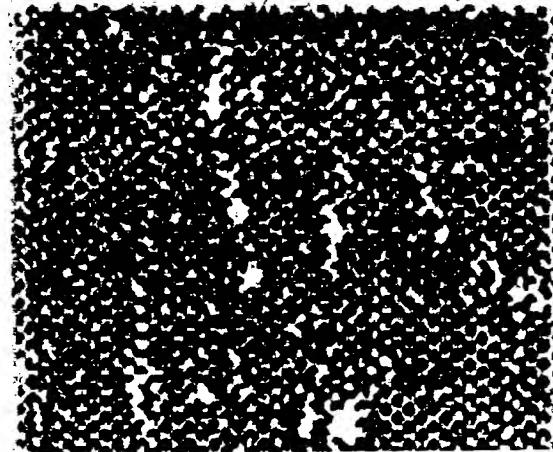


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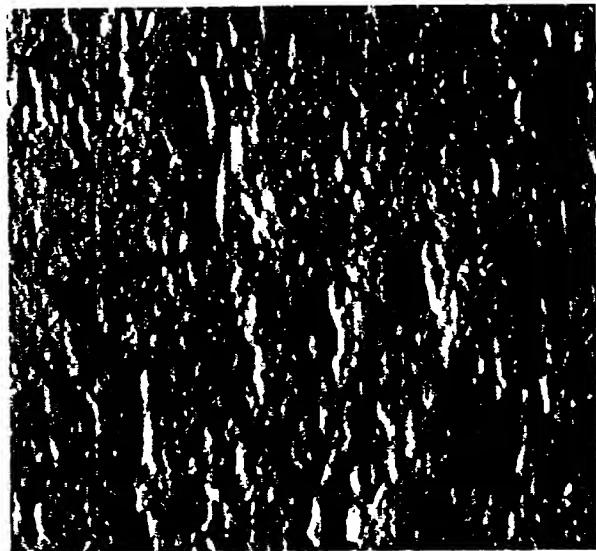


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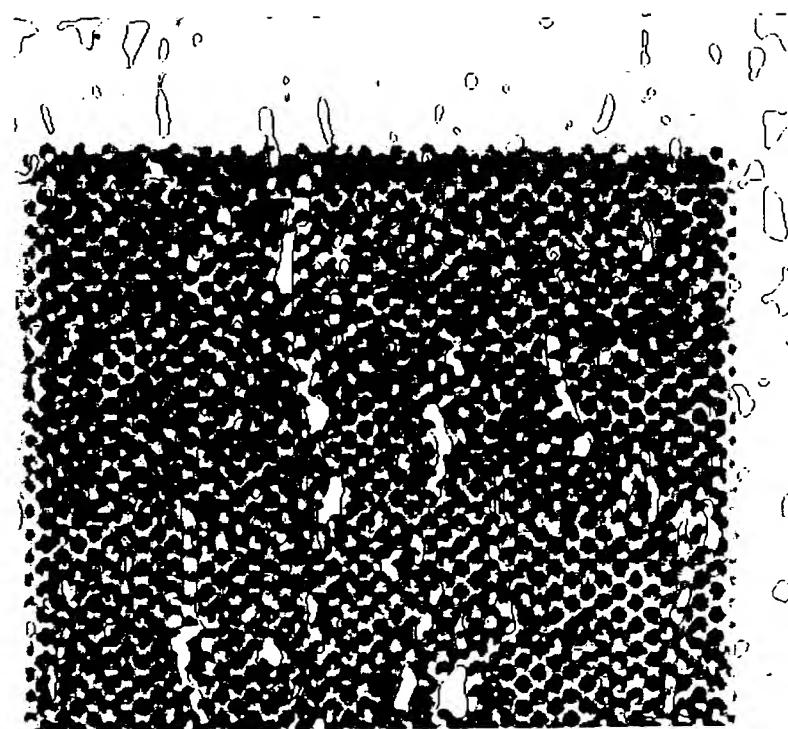


FIG.8



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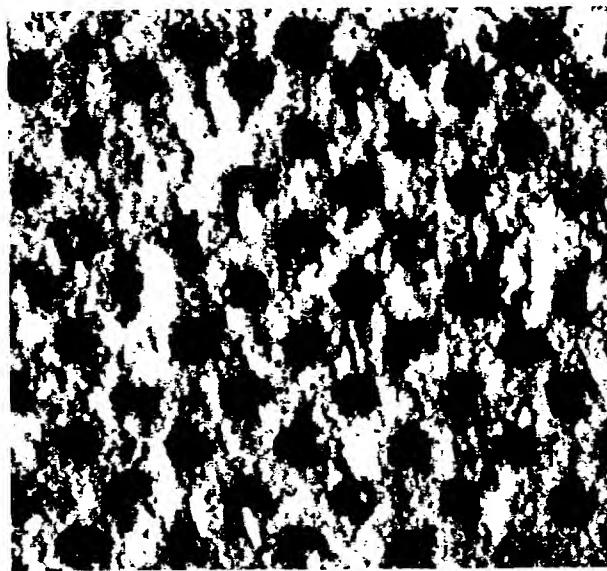


FIG.9A

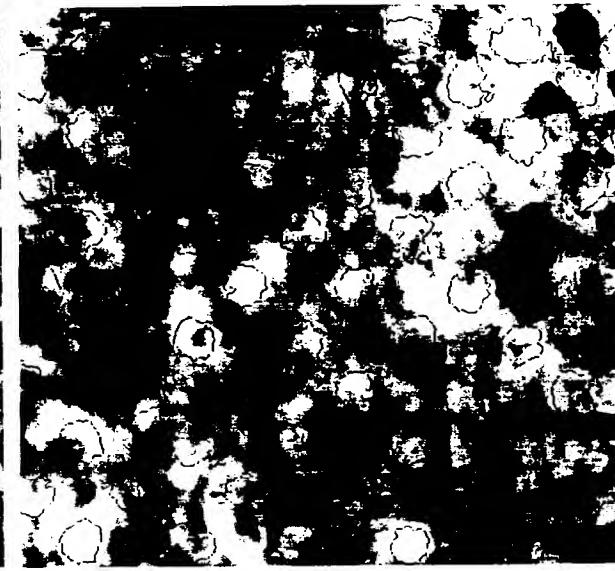


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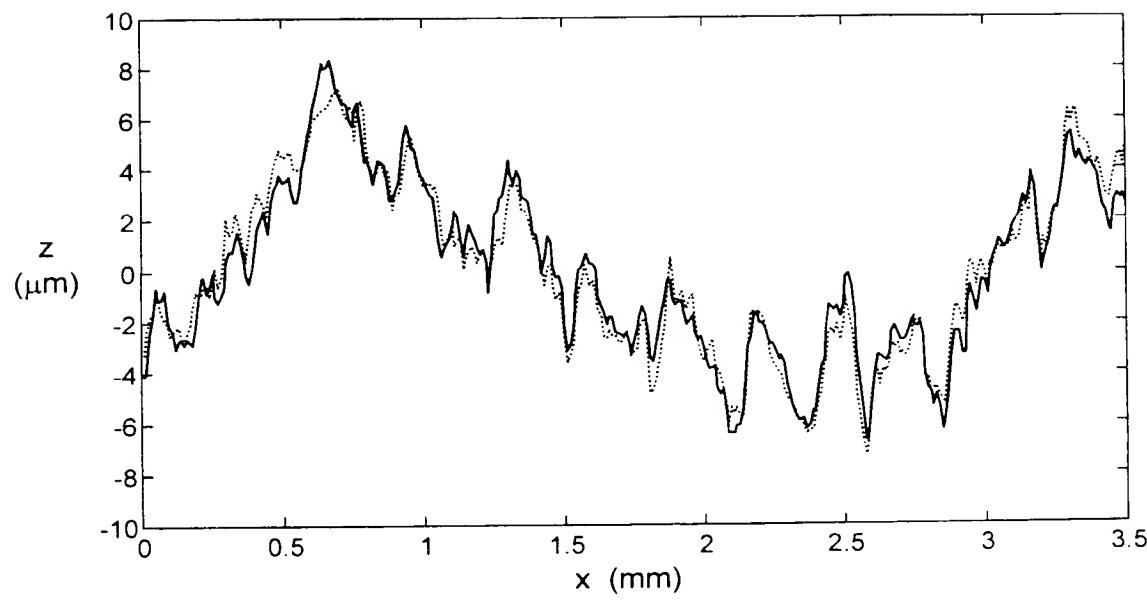
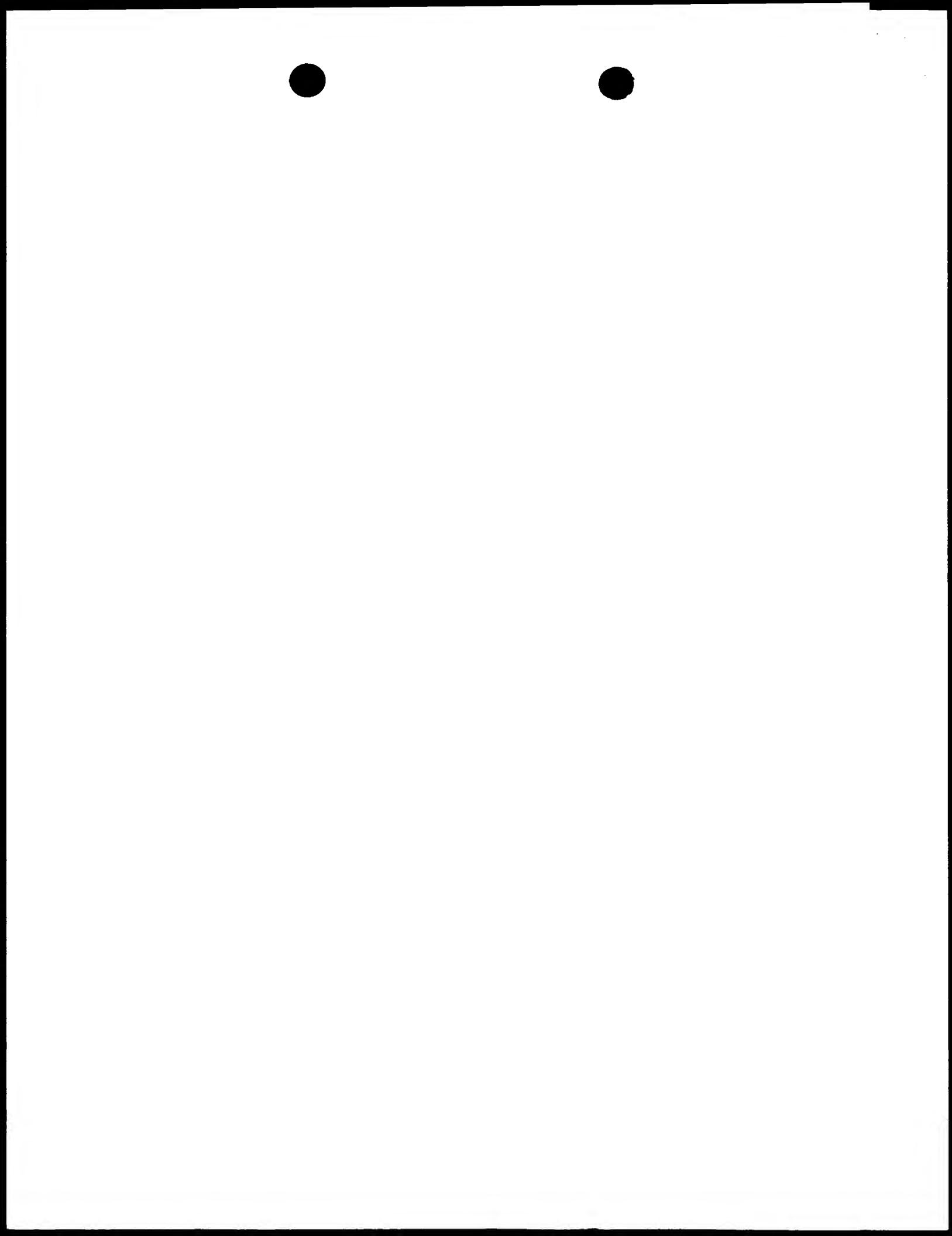


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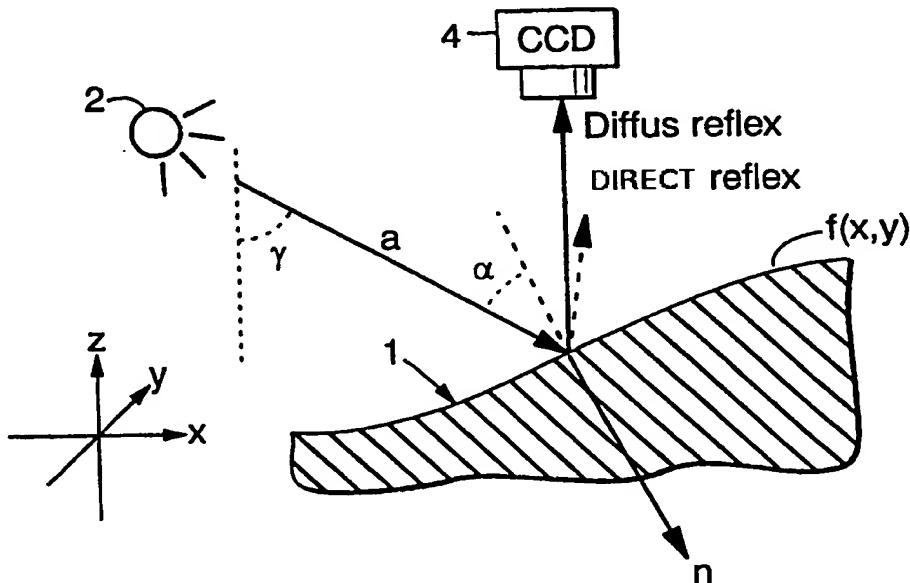
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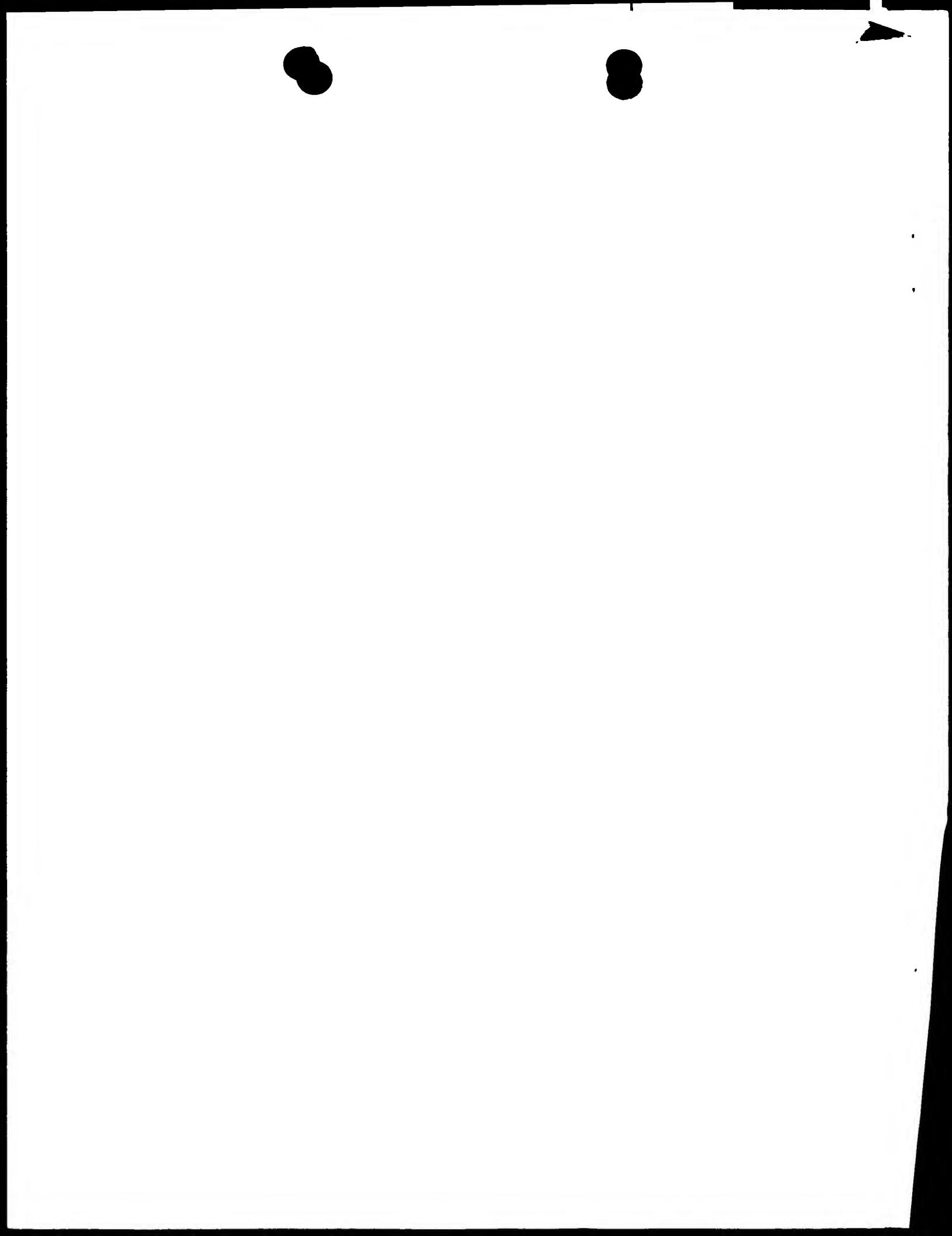
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(57) Abstract

Method of determining a surface illuminated by incident light. First the intensity ($I_1(x,y)$) of light reflected from the surface is recorded in a first image of the surface. After this, the intensity ($I_2(x,y)$) of light reflected from the surface is recorded in a second image of the surface, taken at a different angle of illumination. Only the diffusely reflected light is recorded. The difference between the recorded intensities of the first and the second images is determined to obtain a representation that emphasises variations in gradient of the surface. This representation is further processed by signal-adapted integration to a topographic description, that is, a height function of the surface.





Method of determining an illuminated surface

TEKNIKOMRÅDE

5 Föreliggande uppfinning avser ett sätt att bestämma en av infallande ljus belyst yta genom registrering av intensiteten i reflekterat ljus från ytan hos en första bild därav och registrering av intensiteten i reflekterat ljus från ytan hos en andra, till den första bilden komplementär bild därav upptagen med annan belysningsvinkel.

10 Uppfinningen är speciellt men ej uteslutande tillämpbar på pappersytor avsedda att förses med påtryck.

KÄND TEKNIK

15 Genom SE 508 822 är kända ett förfarande och en anordning för mätning och kvantifiering av ytdefekter, såsom polerrosor som kan uppkomma i samband med polering av lackerade plåtdetaljer. Därvid registreras åtminstone två delbilder med minst en kamera under belysning av provytan med parallellt ljus eller punktljus, varvid ljusets infallsvinkel, i förhållande till provytan och/eller kameran är olika vid registrering av olika delbilder, varefter registrerade delbilder behandlas i åtminstone en centralenhets. Därefter framställs en eller flera differensbilder av delbilderna och utnyttjas för att bestämma graden av ytdefekt på provytan. Denna kända teknik ger dock ej någon vägledning om hur de registrerade delbilderna kan utnyttjas för att topografiskt bestämma ytan.

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REDOGÖRELSE FÖR UPPFINNINGEN

Ett ändamål med föreliggande uppfinning är att tillhandahålla en fotometrisk metod av inledningsvis angivet slag som snabbt förmår topografiskt bestämma en yta.

SUBSTITUTE SHEET



Enligt en betraktelse av uppfinningen registreras intensiteten (dvs. effekten per ytenhet) av endast diffust reflekterat ljus hos de båda bilderna, och bestäms en skillnad mellan de registrerade intensiteterna av det diffust reflekterade ljuset hos de första och andra bilderna för erhållande av en representation av ytans lutningsvariationer.

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Om skillnaden normeras genom division med summan av intensiteterna erhålls en kvot som är väsentligen direkt proportionell mot ytans lokala derivata.

Derivatan används i sin tur för beräkning av ytans höjdfunktion.

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Insikten som ligger till grund för uppfinningen är att ljusheten hos ett topografiskt ytelement beror såväl av dess diffusa reflektans som dess vinkel i förhållande till belysningen. Om man upptar bilder av ytan med olika belysningsvinklar, så kommer dessa att skilja sig åt på grund av ytans topografi, men inte på grund av skillnader i diffus reflektans. Detta kan enligt uppfinningen utnyttjas i bildanalysoperationer som särskiljer topografin från reflektansen.

KORTFATTAD RITNINGSBESKRIVNING

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Uppfinningen beskrivs mer i detalj med hänvisning till bifogad ritning, på vilken **FIG. 1** schematiskt visar ett arrangemang för bildregistrering enligt uppfinningen; **FIG. 2** visar motsvarande **FIG. 1** en modell som grund för bearbetningen av de registrerade bilderna; **FIG. 3** visar i diagramform ett förenklat exempel på bearbetning av en registrerad bild enligt uppfinningen; **FIG. 4A och B** visar bilder av en djupptykt provyta registrerade genom belysning från vänster resp. höger hos ett arrangemang enligt **FIG. 1**; **FIG. 5** visar reflektans hos provytan enligt **FIG. 4**; **FIG. 6** visar derivatan hos provytan i **FIG. 4**; **FIG. 7** visar topografin hos provytan i **FIG. 4**; **FIG. 8** visar en bild av provytan enligt **FIG. 4** med nivåkurvor representerande $-1 \mu\text{m}$; **FIG. 9A och B** visar i större skala en reflektansbild resp. en topografisk bild av en med tryckpunkter försedd provyta; och **FIG. 10** visar profiler av en provyta uppmätta mekaniskt resp. med ett arrangemang enligt uppfinningen.



BESKRIVNING AV UTFÖRINGSEXEMPEL

5 I arrangemanget enligt FIG. 1 visas principen för uppfinningen. En provyta 1, som i de beskrivna exemplen är en pappersyta med en typisk area om 5x5 mm, belyses av en första ljuskälla 2 och av en andra ljuskälla 3 anordnade i två inbördes motsatta riktningar. Ljuskällorna 2 innehåller halogenlampor med belysningsoptik. En kamera 4 av CCD-typ detekterar och registrerar via en dator 5 intensiteten av det reflekterade ljuset.

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Datorn 5 är företrädesvis försedd med känd maskin- och programvara för bildbehandling. Tidsåtgången för analys av en bild med en upplösning om 512x512 bildpunkter är för närvärande ca 10 s med en 400 MHz standard-PC. Den matematiska analysen har genomförts med MATLAB® programvara.

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Uppfinningen baseras på detektering av diffust ljus. Spekulära reflexer från provytan kan elimineras i det visade exemplet medelst inbördes korsade polarisatorer 6 och 7. Närmare bestämt kan mellan provytan 1 och varje ljuskälla 2, 3 placeras en polarisator 6 och mellan provytan 1 och kameran 4 placeras en därtill korsad polarisator 7, på sådant sätt att belysningsljuset polariseras parallellt med infallsplanet och det reflekterade ljuset polariseras vinkelrätt därtill.

Med hänvisning till FIG. 2 är intensiteten hos det infallande ljuset proportionell mot $\cos(\alpha)$, där α är belysningsljusets infallsvinkel mot ytan 1. För det diffust spridda ljuset antages 25 Lamberts lag vara giltig. Enligt denna är radianen lika i alla riktningar. Därför gäller för den av kameran 4 detekterade intensiteten att

$$I = I_0 R \cos(\alpha) \quad [1]$$

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där R är reflektansen och I_0 är den registrerade intensiteten när $R = \cos(\alpha) = 1$.

Genom skalär multiplikation erhålls värdet för $\cos(\alpha)$ som



$$\cos(\alpha) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} / |\mathbf{n}| = \frac{\sin(\gamma) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \cos(\gamma)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1}} \quad [2]$$

där \mathbf{a} är belysningsvektorn $[\sin(\gamma), 0, -\cos(\gamma)]$ och \mathbf{n} är ytnormalen $[\partial f / \partial x, \partial f / \partial y, -1]$.

5 Om två bilder I_1 och I_2 , med $\gamma_2 = -\gamma_1$, registreras, FIG. 4A, 4B, kan den partiella derivatan $\partial f / \partial x$ beräknas med ledning av [1] och [2] som

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \frac{I_1 - I_2}{I_1 + I_2} \quad [3]$$

10 Detta uttryck är oberoende av reflektansen. Ett exempel på en derivata, beräknad med ledning av bilderna i FIG. 4A, B, visas i FIG. 6, där derivatan har kodats som en gråskalebild.

15 För att erhålla provytans höjdfunktion, behöver derivatan integreras, men eftersom bilderna innehåller brus, behöver vissa spatiala frekvenser integreras med försiktighet. Därför bör företrädesvis derivatan Fouriertransformeras och multipliceras med ett s.k. Wienerfilter:

$$H_R = \frac{H_I^*}{|H_I|^2 + SNR(u, v)^{-1}} \quad [4]$$

20 som utför integreringen med undertryckande av spatiala frekvenser u och v , vilka har ett förväntat lågt signal-brusförhållande SNR. Ytans frekvensvar H_I innehåller både den partiella derivatan (i form av $2\pi i u$) och det i materialet spridda ljuset. För närmare beskrivning av ett Wienerfilter hänvisas till Pratt, W. K., (1978), Digital Image Processing, Wiley, New York, 378-387. Ytfunktionen, som visas i FIG. 7, likaså kodad som en gråskalebild där lägre ytområden har en mörkare ton än höga ytområden, erhålls genom invers transformation av produkten.

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Provytans lokala reflektans, som tillhandahåller information om påtryckets täckningsgrad, erhålls approximativt som summan av bilderna, I_1 och I_2 , se FIG. 5.

30 För att underlätta förståelsen av uppfinningen, visas på FIG. 3 A-G en förenklad endimensionell "digital" betraktelse av en typisk bildbehandlingsoperation.



FIG. 3 A visar den provyta vars topografi $f(x)$ skall undersökas. Ytan har i detta fall ett påtryckt regelbundet mönster.

5 När ytan belyses med strykljus från vänster erhålls enligt FIG. 3B till följd av variationer i såväl reflektans (mönstret) som topografi, en intensitetsvariation i det diffust reflekterade ljuset. Jämför även motsvarande bild eller grafiska representation i det tvådimensionella fallet enligt FIG. 4A där intensitetsvariationen motsvaras av variation i gråskala.

10 När ytan belyses med strykljus från höger erhålls på motsvarande sätt enligt FIG. 3C en ny intensitetsvariation $I_2(x)$ i det diffust reflekterade ljuset. Jämför även motsvarande bild i det tvådimensionella fallet enligt FIG. 4B.

15 Beräknas skillnaden, $I_1(x) - I_2(x)$ mellan intensiteterna, erhålls enligt FIG. 3D en variation som framhäver topografiska variationer (reflektansvariationerna undertrycks delvis men ej helt), dvs. variationer i ytans lutning.

20 Beräknas summan $I_1(x) + I_2(x)$ av intensiterna erhålls enligt FIG. 3E en variation som väsentligen endast beror av reflektansvariationer, medan de strukturella eller topografiska variationerna undertrycks. Med andra ord erhålls ytans färgfördelning, t.ex. förekomst eller inte förekomst av påtryck. Jämför även motsvarande bild i det tvådimensionella fallet enligt FIG. 5.

25 Beräknas kvoten $(I_1(x) - I_2(x))/(I_1(x) + I_2(x))$, dvs den normalerade skillnaden mellan intensiteterna, erhålls enligt FIG. 3F en variation som väsentligen endast beror av topografiska variationer, dvs. variationer i ytans lutning.

Kvoten används för beräkning av ytans derivata enligt FIG. 3F som

$$f'_x(x) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \cdot \frac{I_1(x) - I_2(x)}{I_1(x) + I_2(x)}$$



där liksom tidigare γ = belysningsljusets infallsvinkel. Jämför även motsvarande bild i det tvådimensionella fallet enligt FIG. 6. I det tvådimensionella fallet blir derivatan på motsvarande sätt

$$f'_x(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \cdot \frac{I_1(x, y) - I_2(x, y)}{I_1(x, y) + I_2(x, y)}$$

5 Integreras derivatan, företrädesvis med ovan beskriven samtidig anpassad brusundertryckning, erhålls ytans topografi enligt FIG. 3G. Jämför även motsvarande bild i det tvådimensionella fallet enligt FIG. 7.

Som framgår av det föregående kan, förutom den rena topografiska bestämningen (FIG. 7) 10 av en yta, upfinningen sålunda även användas för samtidig bestämning av ytans reflektans (FIG. 5) i samma koordinater. Därmed kan intressanta samband mellan ytstruktur och färgöverföring studeras i detalj. På reflektansbilden i FIG. 5 har i FIG. 8 genom tröskeloperation i den bildanalyserande datorn 5 införts nivåkurvor motsvarande ett djup om -1 μm från en glidande referensnivå, vilket kan förklara varför tryckpunkter saknas i partier av 15 tryckområdet. På provytan enligt FIG. 9A och B har på motsvarande sätt undersökts om ett bestämt djup hos försänkningarna (t.ex. mörka partier i vänstra övre delen av topografikartan FIG. 9B) i ytan kan motsvara utebliven färgöverföring (uteblivna färgpunkter i FIG. 9A i de partier som är mörkast i FIG. 9B). Detta kan inom trycktekniken utnyttjas som en förutsägelse om på vilka ställen missade tryckpunkter kan förväntas.

20 Det har därvid visat sig att s.k. rak tröskelsättning i topografin ej fungerar så bra. Om man däremot högpassfiltrerar topografin så att långvågig information undertrycks och därefter applicerar en tröskel på $-1\mu\text{m}$, dvs. i praktiken tröskling relativt en glidande referensnivå, så markeras områden som har hög sannolikhet för utebliven färgöveröverföring, se FIG. 8. 25 Av detta kan man alltså lära sig mer om hur ytråhet skall mätas på ett tryckbarhetsrelevant sätt. Metoden har också gett intressanta resultat för fulltonsytor tryckta i flexo (ej visat).

De två bilderna behöver ej nödvändigtvis registreras vid skilda tidpunkter. Exempelvis kan 30 med det beskrivna arrangemanget enligt FIG. 1 den ena bilden registreras i ett första ljusvåglängdsområde och den andra bilden från samma kamerapunkt samtidigt registreras i



ett andra, till det första våglängdsområdet komplementärt eller skilt våglängdsområde (ej visat) om de två belysningarna använder skilda våglängdsområden. Därigenom erbjuds möjlighet att registrera förlopp då provytan, t.ex. ett område av en pappersbana under produktion, befinner sig i rörelse.

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Analyser enligt uppförningen av provstycket av LWC-papper har visat god korrelation, $r^2=0,95$, mellan profiler bestämda enligt uppförningen och profiler bestämda enligt konventionella optiska eller mekaniska profilmätmetoder. I det i FIG. 10 visade diagrammet anger den heldragna kurvan profilen bestämd enligt uppförningen, medan den streckade kurvan anger samma profil hos samma pappersremsa bestämd genom en mekanisk kontaktmätmetod.

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PATENTKRAV

1. Sätt att bestämma en av infallande ljus belyst yta genom registrering av intensiteten ($I_1(x,y)$) i reflekterat ljus från ytan hos en första bild därav och registrering av intensiteten ($I_2(x,y)$) i reflekterat ljus från ytan hos en andra, till den första bilden komplementär bild därav upptagen med annan belysningsvinkel, **kännetecknat** av registrering av intensiteten av endast diffust reflekterat ljus över ytan hos de båda bilderna, och bestämning av en skillnad mellan de registrerade intensiteterna av det diffust reflekterade ljuset över ytan hos de första och andra bilderna för erhållande av en representation som framhäver lutningsvariationer hos ytan.
2. Sätt enligt krav 1, **kännetecknat** av att skillnaden normeras för erhållande av en reflektansneutral bild som representerar lutningsvariationer, dvs. en derivata av ytans höjdfunktion.
3. Sätt enligt krav 2, **kännetecknat** av att skillnaden normeras genom division med en summa ($I_1(x,y) + I_2(x,y)$) av de registrerade intensiteterna över ytan.
- 20 4. Sätt enligt [något] krav 3, **kännetecknat** av att summan ($I_1(x,y) + I_2(x,y)$) av de registrerade intensiteterna över ytan används för erhållande av en väsentligen topografiskt neutral reflektansbild av ytan.
- 25 5. Sätt enligt något av föregående krav, **kännetecknat** av att intensiteten hos den första bilden registreras med ljus infallande från en första riktning och att intensiteten hos den andra bilden registreras med ljus infallande från en andra, till den första riktningens reflektionsvinkel motsatt riktning.
- 30 6. Sätt enligt något av föregående krav, **kännetecknat** av beräkning av ytans derivata genom

$$f'_x(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \cdot \frac{I_1(x, y) - I_2(x, y)}{I_1(x, y) + I_2(x, y)}$$



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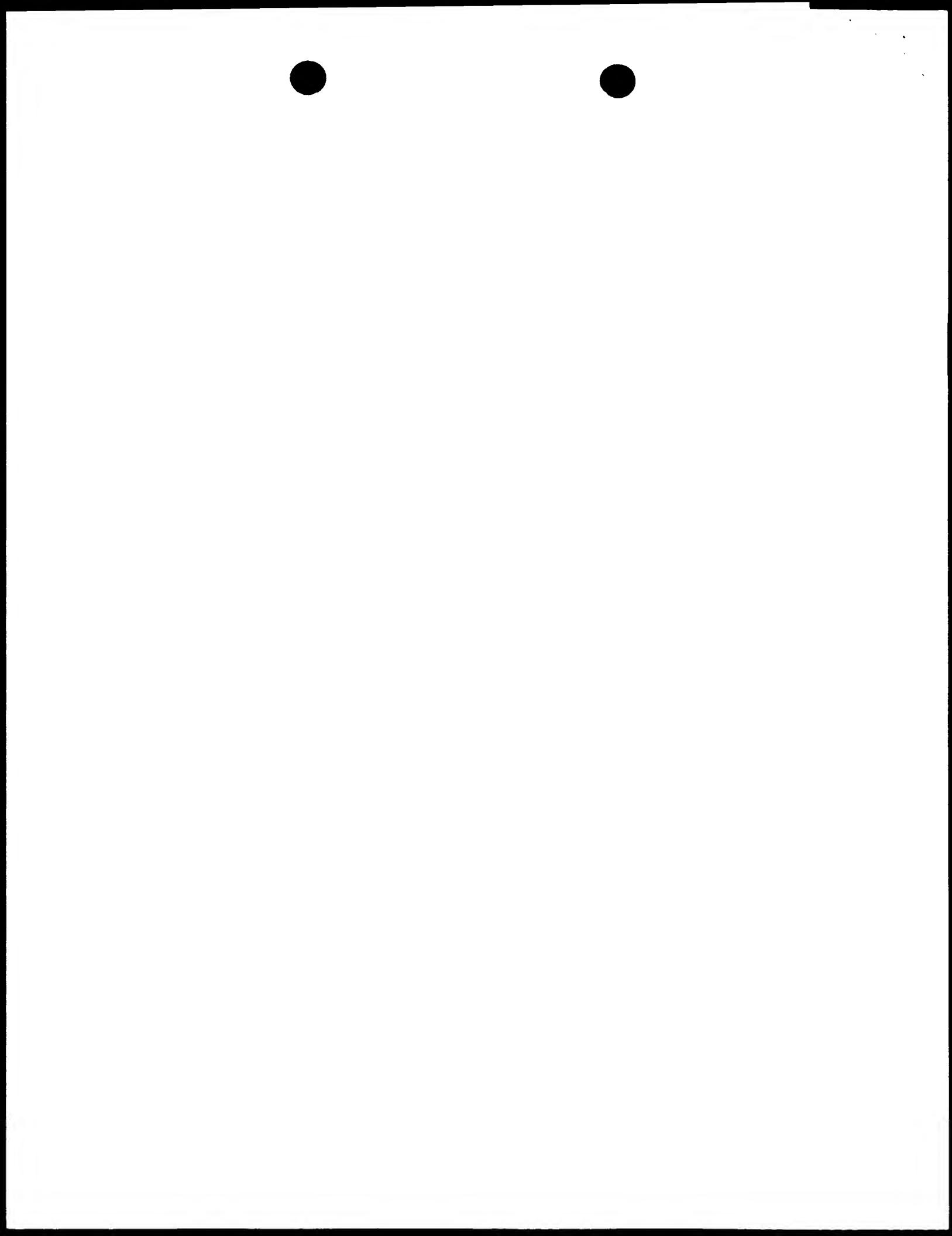
7. Sätt enligt krav 6, kännetecknat av Fouriertransformation av derivatan och multiplikation därav med ett Wienerfilter för undertryckning av brus i de registrerade intensiteterna.
8. Sätt enligt krav 6 eller 7, kännetecknat av integrering av derivatan för erhållande av ytans höjdfunktion.
- 10 9. Sätt enligt något av föregående krav, kännetecknat av polarisering av det infallande ljuset och där till korsande polarisering av det reflekterade ljuset för att eliminera reflexer i ytan och erhålla nämnda diffust reflekterade ljus.
- 15 10. Sätt enligt något av föregående krav, kännetecknat av att den första bilden registreras med ljus i ett första ljusvåglängdsområde och att den andra bilden registreras med ljus i ett andra, från det första ljusvåglängdsområdet skilt ljusvåglängdsområde.
11. Sätt enligt krav 10, kännetecknat av att den första bilden registreras genom belysning med ljus av en första frekvens, och att den andra bilden registreras genom belysning med ljus av en, från den första frekvensen avvikande frekvens.
12. Sätt enligt krav 10 eller 11, kännetecknat av att den första och den andra bilden registreras samtidigt.
- 25 13. Användning av ett sätt enligt något av föregående krav för topografisk bestämning av en pappersyta.



SAMMANDRAG

Sätt att bestämma en av infallande ljus belyst yta. Först registreras intensiteten ($I_1(x,y)$) av reflekterat ljus från ytan hos en första bild av ytan. Därefter registreras av intensiteten 5 ($I_2(x,y)$) av reflekterat ljus från ytan hos en andra bild av ytan, upptagen med annan belysningsvinkel. Endast det diffust reflekterade ljuset registreras. Skillnaden mellan de registrerade intensiteterna hos den första och andra bilden bestäms för erhållande av en representation som framhäver lutningsvariationer hos ytan. Denna representation vidarebearbetas genom signalanpassad integrering till en topografisk beskrivning, dvs. en höjdfunktion av 10 ytan.

(FIG. 2)



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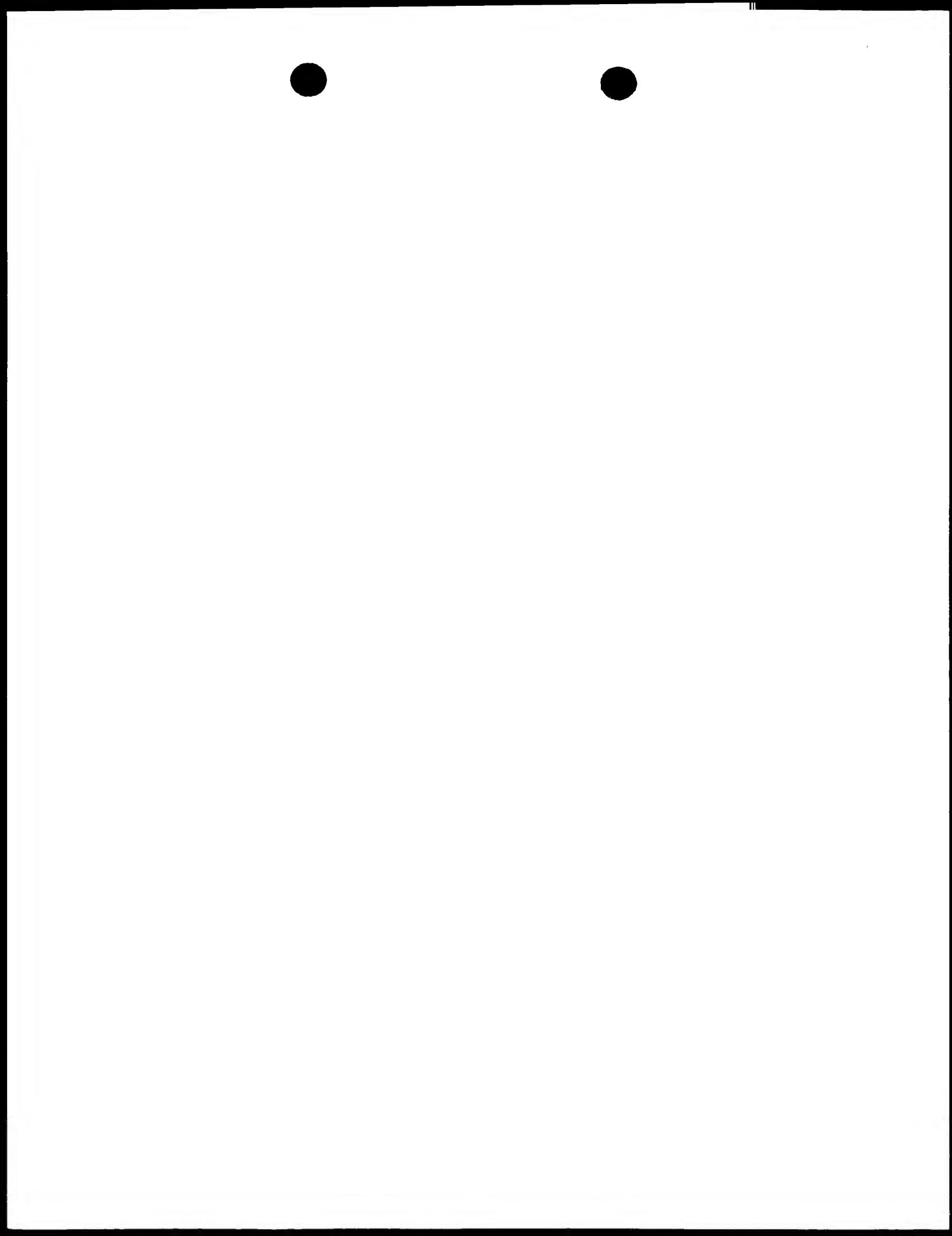
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Method of determining an illuminated surface

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5 The present invention relates to a method of determining a surface illuminated by incident light by recording the intensity of light reflected from the area in a first image thereof and recording the intensity of light reflected from the area in a second image thereof, complementary to the first image, taken with another angle of illumination.

10 The invention is particularly but not exclusively applicable to paper surfaces intended for the application of print.

THE PRIOR ART

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SE 508 822 makes known a method and a device for measuring and quantifying surface defects, such as polishing roses that can occur in connection with the polishing of coated sheet metal items. In this method and device, at least two sub-images are recorded with at least one camera under illumination of the test surface with parallel light or light from a point source, whereby the angles of incidence of the light relative to the test surface and/or the camera are different during the recording of different sub-images, after which the sub-images are processed in at least one central unit. After this, one or several difference images of the sub-images are produced, and used to determine the degree of surface defects on the test surface. This known technique, however, provides no guidance in how the recorded sub-images can be used in order to determine the topography of the surface.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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An object of the present invention is to provide a photometric method of the type described in the introduction that can rapidly determine the topography of a surface.

According to an aspect of the invention, the intensity (that is, the power per unit area) only of diffusely reflected light is recorded in the two images, and a difference between the recorded intensities of the diffusely reflected light of the first and the second recorded 5 images is determined, in order to obtain a representation of the gradient variations of the surface.

If the difference is normalised by division by the sum of the intensities, a ratio is obtained that is essentially directly proportional to the local derivative of the surface.

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The derivative in turn is used to determine the height function of the surface.

The insight that forms the basis of the invention is that the lightness of a topographic surface element depends both on its diffuse reflectance and on its angle relative to the 15 illumination. If images of the surface are taken with different angles of illumination, these will differ due to the topography of the surface, but not due to differences in its diffuse reflectance. This can, according to the invention, be used in image processing operations that distinguish the topography from the reflectance.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The invention is described in more detail with reference to the attached drawings, in which **FIG. 1** shows schematically an arrangement for recording images according to the 25 invention; **FIG. 2** shows a model corresponding to FIG. 1 that forms the basis for processing the recorded images; **FIG. 3** shows in the form of a diagram a simplified example of processing a recorded image according to the invention; **FIGS. 4A and 4B** show images of a deeply printed test surface recorded by illumination from the left and from the right of the arrangement according to FIG. 1; **FIG. 5** shows the reflectance of 30 the test surface according to FIG. 4; **FIG. 6** shows the derivative of the test surface in FIG. 4; **FIG. 7** shows the topography of the test surface in FIG. 4; **FIG. 8** shows an image of the test surface according to FIG. 4 with contours representing $-1 \mu\text{m}$; **FIGS.**

9A and **9B** show at a higher scale a reflectance image and a topographic image, respectively, of a test surface furnished with printed points; and **FIG. 10** shows profiles of a test surface measured mechanically and measured with an arrangement according to the invention.

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DESCRIPTION OF AN EMBODIMENT

10 The principle of the invention is shown in the arrangement according to **FIG. 1**. A test surface 1, which in the examples described is a paper surface with an area typically of 5x5 mm, is illuminated by a first light source 2 and by a second light source 3 arranged at two mutually opposite directions. The light sources 2, 3 contain halogen lamps with illumination optics. A camera 4 of CCD type detects and records by a computer 5 the
15 intensity of the reflected light.

The computer 5 is preferably equipped with known hardware and software for image processing. The time required for analysis of an image with a resolution of 512x512 pixels is currently approximately 10 seconds using a 400 MHz standard PC. The
20 mathematical analysis has been carried out using the MATLAB® software.

The invention is based on the detection of diffuse light. Specular reflections from the test surface can be eliminated in the example shown by means of mutually crossed polarizers 6 and 7. In more detail, a polarizer 6 can be placed between the test surface 1 and each
25 light source 2, 3, while a polarizer 7 that is crossed with respect to the polarizer 6 can be placed between the test surface 1 and the camera 4, in such a way that the illuminating light is polarised parallel to the incident plane and the reflected light is polarised at right angles to it.

30 With reference to **FIG. 2**, the intensity of the incident light is proportional to $\cos(\alpha)$, where α is the angle of incidence of the illuminating light to the surface 1. Lambert's law

is assumed to be valid for the diffusely spread light. According to this law, the radiance is equal in all directions. This means that the intensity detected by the camera is given by

$$I = I_0 R \cos(\alpha) \quad [1]$$

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where R is the reflectance and I_0 is the intensity measured when $R = 1$ and $\cos(\alpha) = 1$.

Scalar multiplication gives a value for $\cos(\alpha)$ as

$$10 \quad \cos(\alpha) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} / |\mathbf{n}| = \frac{\sin(\gamma) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \cos(\gamma)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)^2 + 1}} \quad [2]$$

where \mathbf{a} is the illumination vector $[\sin(\gamma), 0, -\cos(\gamma)]$ and \mathbf{n} is the surface normal $[\partial f / \partial x, \partial f / \partial y, -1]$

15 If two images, I_1 and I_2 , are recorded with $\gamma_2 = -\gamma_1$, FIGS. 4A, 4B, the partial derivative $\partial f / \partial x$ can be calculated from [1] and [2] as

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \frac{I_1 - I_2}{I_1 + I_2} \quad [3]$$

20 This expression does not depend on the reflectance. An example of the derivative, calculated from the images in FIGS. 4A, 4B, is shown in FIG. 6, in which the derivative has been coded as a grey-scale image.

In order to obtain the height function of the test surface, the derivative must be
 25 integrated. However, since the images contain noise, certain spatial frequencies must be integrated with caution. This is why the derivative should preferably be subjected to a Fourier transform and multiplied by what is known as a Wiener filter:

$$H_R = \frac{H_I}{|H_I|^2 + SNR(u, v)^{-1}} \quad [4]$$

30 which performs the integration with the suppression of spatial frequencies u and v , which have an expected low signal-to-noise ratio, SNR. The frequencies H_I of the surface

include both the partial derivative (in the form of $2\pi i u$) and the light that is spread in the material. For more detailed description of a Wiener filter, refer to *Pratt, W. K.*, (1978), Digital Image Processing, Wiley, New York, 378-387. The surface function, which is shown in FIG. 7, also coded as a grey-value image in which lower surface areas have a 5 darker grey value than higher surface areas, is obtained as the inverse transform of the product.

The local reflectance of the test surface, which provides information about the degree of covering of the print, is approximately obtained as the sum of the images, I_1 and I_2 , see 10 FIG. 5.

In order to facilitate understanding of the invention, a simplified one-dimensional "digital" observation of a typical image processing operation is shown in FIGS. 3 A-G.

15 FIG. 3A shows the test surface, the topography of which, $f(x)$, is to be investigated. In this case the surface has a printed regular pattern.

When the surface is illuminated with oblique illumination from the left, an intensity 20 variation in the diffusely reflected light is obtained, according to FIG. 3B, as a result of variations both in the reflectance (the pattern) and in the topography. Compare also the equivalent image or graphical representation in the two-dimensional case according to FIG. 4A, in which variations in grey-value are equivalent to variations in intensity.

When the surface is illuminated with oblique illumination from the right, a new intensity 25 variation, $I_2(x)$, in the diffusely reflected light is obtained in an equivalent manner, according to FIG. 3C. Compare also the equivalent image in the two-dimensional case according to FIG. 4B.

If the difference between the intensities, $I_1(x) - I_2(x)$, is calculated, a variation which 30 accentuates the topographic variations is obtained, according to FIG. 3D (the variations in reflectance are partially, but not wholly, suppressed), that is, variations in the gradient of the surface.

If the sum of the intensities, $I_1(x) + I_2(x)$, is calculated, a variation that essentially depends only on variations in reflectance is obtained according to FIG. 3E, while the structural or topographical variations are suppressed. In other words, the distribution of 5 colour on the surface is obtained, that is, the presence or absence of print. Compare also the equivalent image in the two-dimensional case according to FIG. 5.

If the ratio $(I_1(x) - I_2(x))/(I_1(x) + I_2(x))$ is calculated, that is, the normalised difference between the intensities, a variation is obtained according to FIG. 3F that essentially only 10 depends on topographic variations, that is, variations in the gradient of the surface.

The ratio is used to calculate the derivative of the surface according to FIG. 3F as

$$f'_x(x) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \cdot \frac{I_1(x) - I_2(x)}{I_1(x) + I_2(x)}$$

where γ = the angle of incidence of the illumination, as previously. Compare also the 15 equivalent image in the two-dimensional case according to FIG. 6. In the two-dimensional case the derivative will in an equivalent way become

$$f'_x(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \cdot \frac{I_1(x, y) - I_2(x, y)}{I_1(x, y) + I_2(x, y)}$$

If the derivative is integrated, preferably with the simultaneous suppression of noise as described above, the topography is obtained according to FIG. 3G. Compare also the 20 equivalent image in the two-dimensional case according to FIG. 7.

As the previous description has made clear, in addition to the purely topographic determination (FIG. 7) of a surface, the invention can also be used for the simultaneous determination of the reflectance of the surface (FIG. 5) in the same co-ordinates. In this 25 way, interesting relationships between surface structure and the transfer of print can be studied in detail. In FIG. 8, contours equivalent to a depth of -1 μm from a sliding reference level have been added to the reflectance image from FIG. 5 by a thresholding operation in the image processing computer 5, which explains why printed points are

missing from regions of the printed area. In a similar manner, an examination has been made on the test surface according to FIGS. 9A and 9B whether a particular depth of the depressions in the surface (for example, dark regions in the upper left-hand corner of the topographical map FIG. 9B) can correspond to failed print transfer (missing print points 5 in FIG. 9A in those regions that are darkest in FIG. 9B). This can be used in printing technology as a prediction about in which regions missing printed points can be expected.

In this respect it has become evident that so-called straight thresholding of the topography does not work so well. On the other hand, if a high-pass filter is applied to the 10 topographical map such that long wavelength information is suppressed, and then apply a threshold level of $-1 \mu\text{m}$, that is to say, in practice thresholding relative to a sliding reference level, then the areas that have a high probability for missing print transfer are marked, see FIG. 8. It is possible to learn from this more about how surface rawness should be measured in a manner that is relevant for printability. The method has also 15 given interesting results for full-tone areas printed flexographic printing (not shown).

It is not necessary that the two images be recorded at different times. For example, the first image can be recorded with the arrangement described in FIG. 1 in a first wavelength region and the second image can be simultaneously recorded from the same 20 camera point in a second wavelength region, complementary or distinct from the first wavelength region (not shown), if the two illuminations use distinct wavelength regions. In this way the possibility of recording processes on the test surface, for example, a region of a paper pathway during production, which is in motion.

25 Analyses according to the invention of test pieces of LWC paper have shown a high correlation, $r^2=0.95$, between profiles determined according to the invention and profiles determined according to conventional optical and mechanical methods of measuring profiles. In the diagram shown in FIG. 10, the full curve shows the profile determined according to the invention, while the dashed curve shows the same profile of the same 30 paper strip determined by a mechanical contact method of measuring.

CLAIMS

1. A method for determining a surface illuminated by incident light by recording the intensity ($I_1(x,y)$) in light reflected from the surface in a first image thereof 5 and by recording the intensity ($I_2(x,y)$) in light reflected from the surface in a second image thereof, taken with another angle of illumination and complementary to the first image, **characterised by**

recording the intensity of only diffusely reflected light over the surface in the two images, and

10 determination of the difference between the recorded intensities of diffusely reflected light over the surface in the first and second images in order to obtain a representation that emphasises variations in gradient of the surface.

2. The method according to claim 1, **characterised in that** the difference is normalised in order to obtain an image that is reflectance-neutral and which 15 represents variations in gradient, that is, a derivative of the height function of the surface.

3. Method according to claim 2, **characterised in that** the difference is normalised by division by a sum ($I_1(x,y) + I_2(x,y)$) of the recorded intensities 20 of the surface.

4. The method according to [some] claim 3, **characterised in that** the sum ($I_1(x,y) + I_2(x,y)$) of the recorded intensities over the surface is used to obtain an 25 essentially topographically neutral reflectance image of the surface.

5. The method according to any of the previous claims, **characterised in that** the intensity of the first image is recorded with light incident from a first direction and that the intensity of the second image is recorded with 30 light incident from a second direction that is opposite to the reflection angle of the first direction.

6. The method according to any of the previous claims, characterised by calculation of the derivative of the area by

$$f'_x(x, y) \approx \frac{1}{\tan \gamma} \cdot \frac{I_1(x, y) - I_2(x, y)}{I_1(x, y) + I_2(x, y)}$$

where γ is the angle of incidence of the light.

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7. The method according to claim 6, characterised by Fourier transformation of the derivative and multiplication thereof by a Wiener filter in order to suppress noise in the recorded intensities.

10 8. The method according to claim 6 or 7, characterised by integration of the derivative in order to obtain the height function of the surface.

15 9. The method according to any of the preceding claims, characterised by polarisation of the incident light and thereto crosswise polarisation of the reflected light in order to eliminate reflections in the surface and obtain the said diffusely reflected light.

20 10. The method according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the first image is recorded with light in a first wavelength region and that the second image is recorded with light in a second wavelength region, distinct from the first wavelength region.

25 11. The method according to claim 10, characterised in that the first image is recorded by illumination with light of a first frequency and that the second image is recorded by illumination with light of a second frequency that deviates from the first frequency.

12. The method according to claim 10 or 11, characterised in that the first and the second images are recorded simultaneously.

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13. Use of the method according to any of the preceding claims for determining the topography of a paper surface.

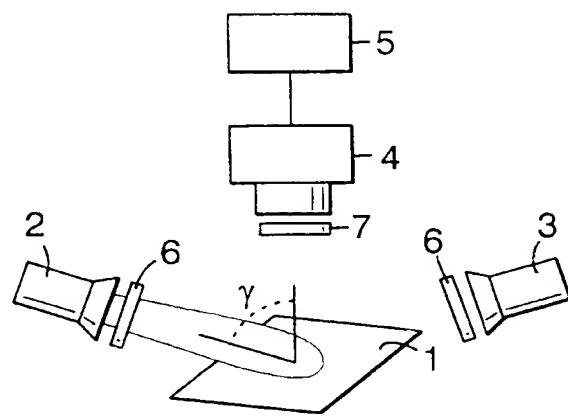


FIG. 1

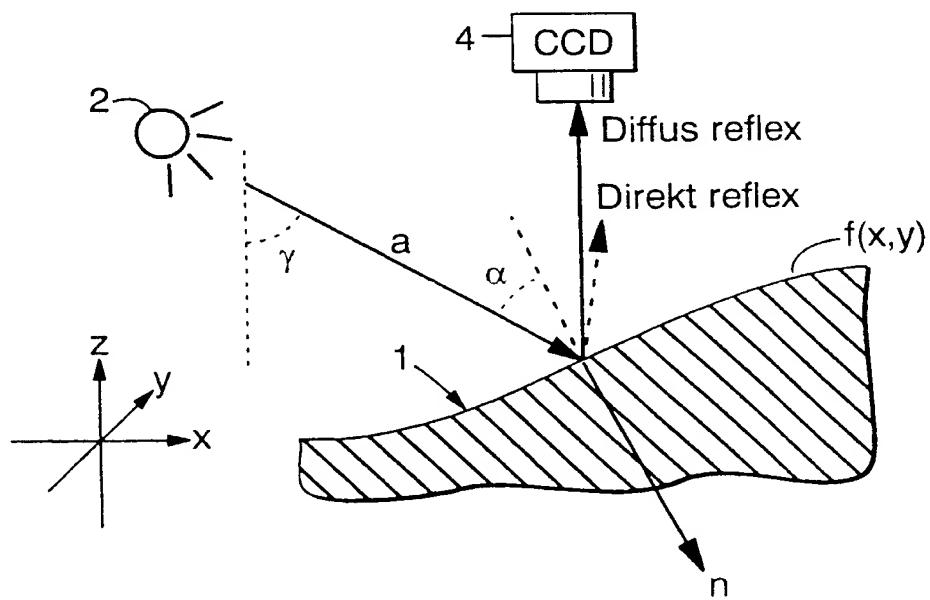
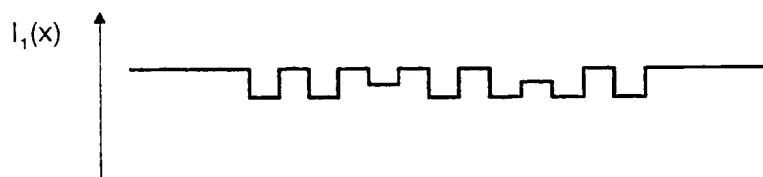


FIG. 2

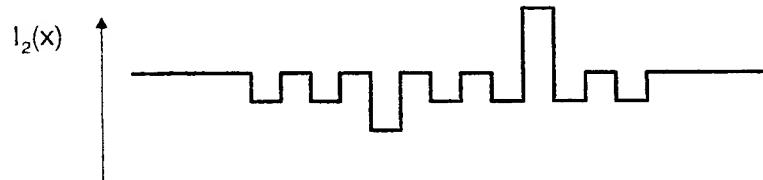
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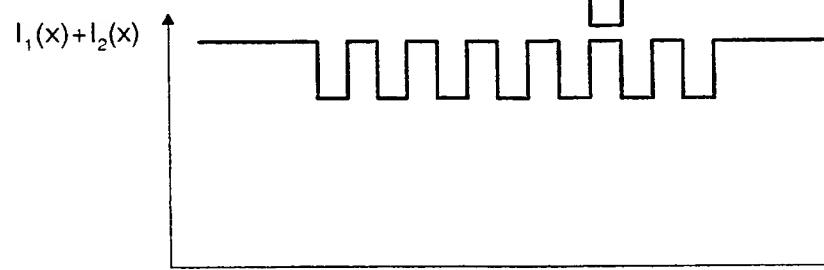
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FIG.3

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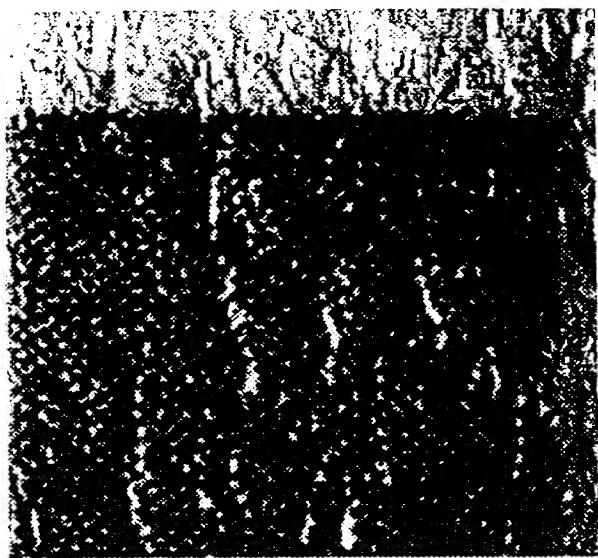


FIG.4A

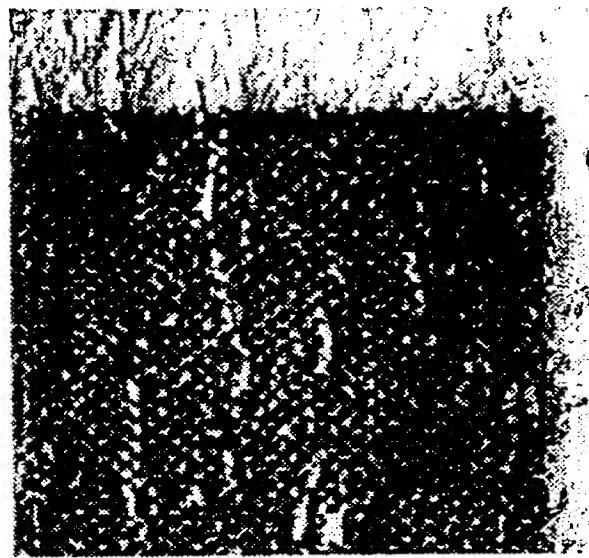


FIG.4B

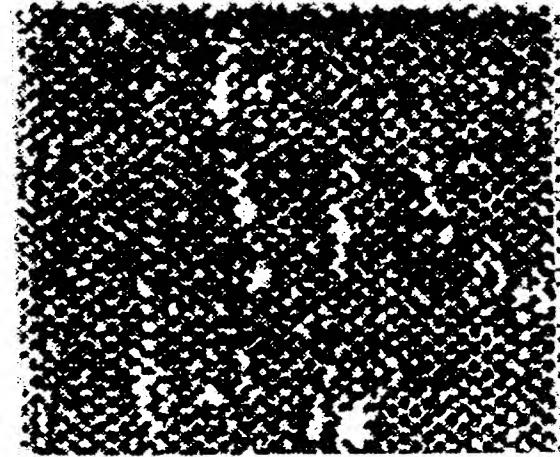


FIG.5

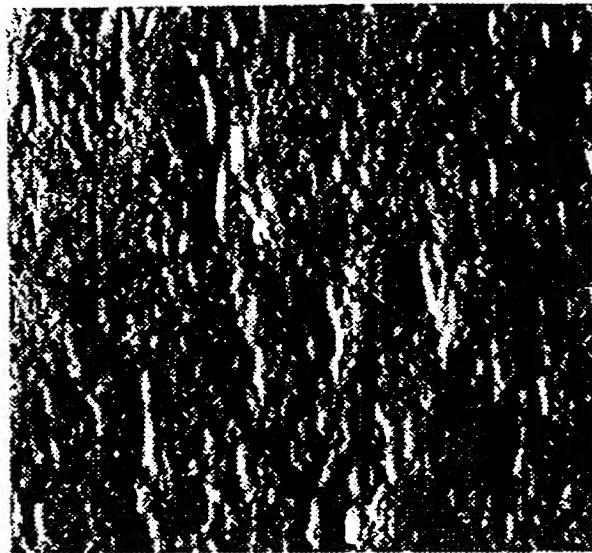


FIG.6

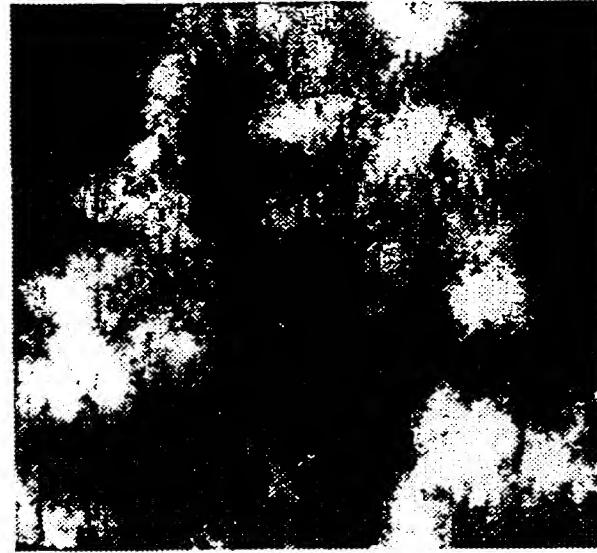


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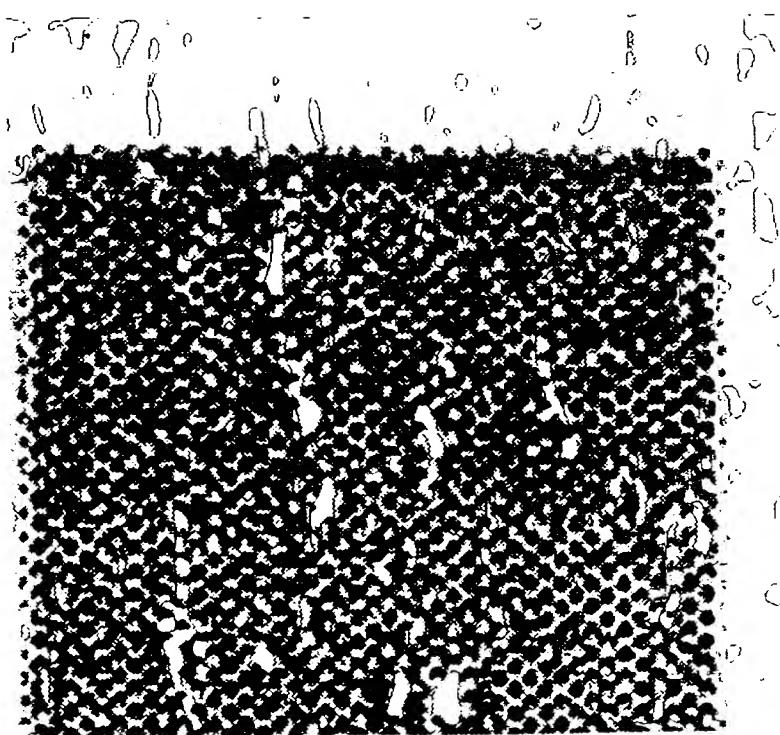


FIG.8

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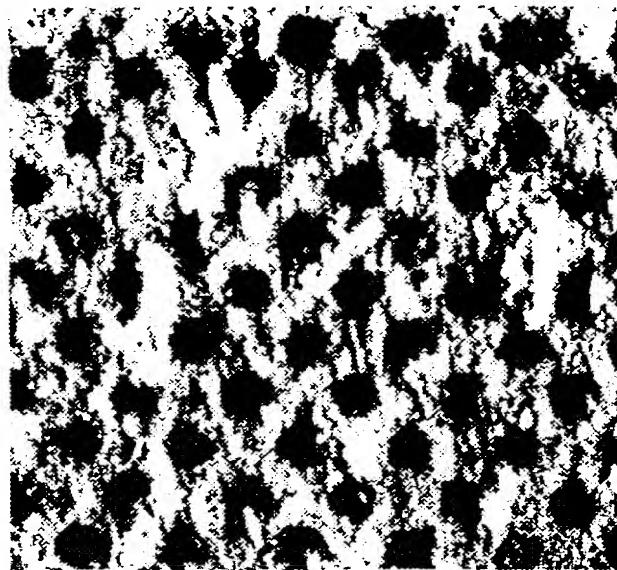


FIG.9A

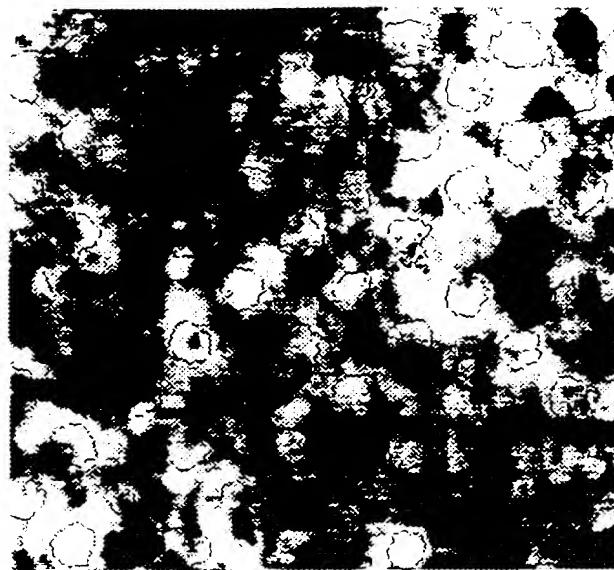


FIG.9B

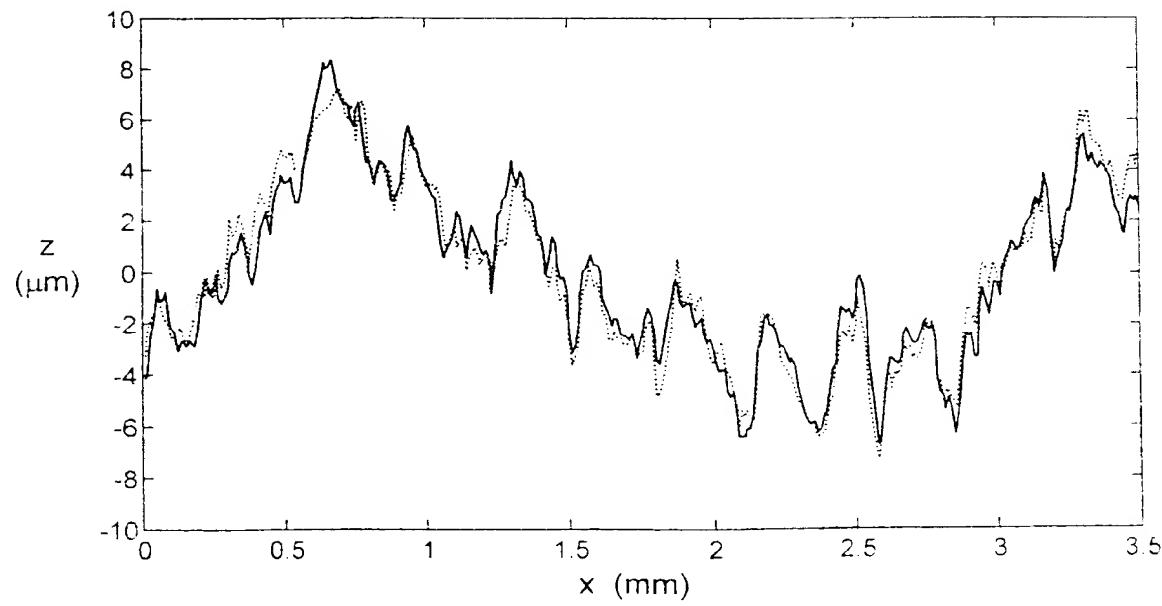


FIG.10

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